

Town of Elizabethtown
Resolution of Commitment to Complete Streets

WHEREAS “Complete Streets” are defined as streets that are safe, convenient and comfortable for all ages and abilities using any mode of transportation (motor vehicle, public transportation, foot, bicycle, etc); and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets design features and practices include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for cycling, designated bike lanes, lane striping, share the road signage, crosswalks, curb ramps, audible pedestrian signals, pedestrian crossing signage, traffic calming measures such as curb bump-outs, center islands, and pavement markings, sidewalk snow removal and routine shoulder and bike lane maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets has been recognized and adopted as policy and law at federal, state, county, town, village and city levels in the interest improving multi-modal transportation options, safety and accessibility for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elizabethtown recognizes that Complete Streets will increase the capacity and efficiency of the road network, improve traffic calming by improving transportation options, limit greenhouse gas emissions, improve rates of physical activity and related health outcomes, improve neighborhood vitality, social interaction and economic development, and improve the general quality of life for people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elizabethtown has the ability to work with the Elizabethtown Planning Board and the Essex County Complete Streets Coalition to explore the maintenance and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle and trail connections within neighborhoods, hamlet centers and address issues of these amenities as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elizabethtown has the ability to work with the Essex County Complete Streets Coalition and other community partners to educate the community about the rules of roads and paths for all users including laws, safety, and courtesy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Elizabethtown hereby recognizes the importance of creating Complete Streets through the planning, design and construction of all new streets and street reconstruction undertaken by and in the Town that enables safe travel by all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders and drivers, and people of all ages and abilities, including children, youth, families, older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Elizabethtown recognizes the opportunity for incorporating Complete Streets elements as a part of the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sanitary Sewer System project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Elizabethtown and the Elizabethtown Planning Board intends to add Complete Streets concepts into the Town of Elizabethtown Comprehensive Plan once acted upon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Elizabethtown and the Elizabethtown Planning Board will attempt to draw upon all possible funding sources to plan and implement Complete Streets elements to make implementation economically feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Elizabethtown will make Complete Streets practices a routine part of everyday operations, will approach every transportation project and program as an opportunity to improve public [and private] streets and the transportation network for all users, and will work in coordination with other departments, agencies and jurisdictions to achieve Complete Streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is also the intent of the Town of Elizabethtown to recognize that local Town streets with low vehicle volumes and slow travel speeds may already safely and efficiently accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. However, principal Town roads that are characterized as having high vehicle volumes and high travel speeds, and are important for bicycle and pedestrian travel to access and connect to destinations in and adjacent to the Town, shall be considered for Complete Streets treatment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Elizabethtown will consider incorporating Complete Streets design features and practices in the planning, design, approval and implementation processes for any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, maintenance, alteration, or repair of streets, bridges or other portions of the transportation network whenever feasible.

On a motion by _____,

Seconded by _____,

And by a vote of _____ for, _____ against, and _____ absent,

this RESOLUTION was adopted on _____ 2010.